

# The Romulus News

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## Timely Tidbits . . .

### Horseshoe Club Looking for "Ringers"

The Romulus Horseshoe Club is looking for "ringers" – or, at least, people who can pitch them.

The 10-year-old club, which holds league play at 6 p.m. every Tuesday (play began May 17), has begun another season.

President Jim Campbell says that the club is always looking for new participants: "We want to attract a whole new line of pitchers. Those interested in tossing horseshoes should contact us."

League play is based upon a handicapped system, so everyone has a chance of winning, according to Campbell. There is no age restriction on participation, and juniors and senior citizens pitch from shorter distances.

The horseshoe club competes at Elmer Johnson Park (located on Ozga Road just south of Wick). Members maintain numerous blue clay courts that have been the site of tournaments and a recent State championship.

For more information, call Campbell at 729-6499.

### Enrollment for Summer Latchkey Program

Romulus Community Schools is currently attempting to enroll enough students to support an all-day latchkey program for the summer. The program, which would begin June 20, would be housed at Mt. Pleasant School (39000 Superior Road). Children in grades one through five would be eligible.

Plans call for the Latchkey Program's open hours to be set for 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., with a cost of \$13 per day or \$60 per week. Cost does not cover lunch; students must provide their own bag lunch/snacks.

If you would like more information or would like an application, please call 941-1600.

### Four To Run for Judge

Four area residents filed petitions by the May 10 deadline to run in the 34th District Court judgeship primary. They are incumbent Chief Judge Felix Rogalle, Belleville attorney Josephine Chapman, former Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Tina Brooks Green, and former 34th District Court Magistrate Mark Maironis. □

## City Festival Committee Worked Hard To Make Upcoming Michigan Week Celebration a Success

"We're going to throw a party, and we want everyone to come!" says Laurie Klukowski, chairperson of the Romulus Festival Committee.

The Festival, which began with carnival entertainment on Tuesday, May 17, will go into full swing at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 20, when the annual Romulus Michigan Week Festival parade kicks off a weekend of hometown fun.

Featured will be nearly 24 hours of free entertainment, including 18 hours of live music, as well as rides, arts, crafts, games, clowns, shows, demonstrations, raffles, races, food, and drinks. A few events are gone, others have been added or expanded, but one thing is certain about this year's festival: It will provide the community with the very best in family fun and entertainment.

There'll be plenty of free parking, too.

Congratulations on a job well done to the Festival Committee members: Laurie Klukowski (Festival Committee chairperson; Adult Refreshments chairperson), Kathy Darnell (Festival Committee co-chairperson; Bingo, Arts & Crafts, and Concessions chairperson), MaryAnn Wells (Festival Committee Treasurer/Secretary), Sue Dorr (Raffle and Free Prize Drawing chairperson; trustee), Gail Howard (trustee), Rebecca Klukowski (Treasurer trainee; trustee), John Smith (electrician; trustee), and Ralph VanValkenburg (Bingo chairperson; trustee).

For a detailed schedule of the weekend's events, as well as a brief summary of some of its highlights, please see page 7. □



1994 Romulus Festival Committee: (from left) Front Row – John Smith, MaryAnn Wells, Rebecca Klukowski, and Kathy Darnell; Back Row – Laurie Klukowski and Ralph VanValkenburg (not pictured: Sue Dorr, Gail Howard)

## Pitoniak Announces Intent To Seek Reelection

Citing the November 1994 election as "pivotal" to the future of Michigan, State Representative Gregory E. Pitoniak recently announced that he will be seeking reelection to the Michigan House of Representatives from the 22nd District.

"I am concerned about whether the voice of the clear majority of 'reasonable and rational' Michigan citizens will be heard in Michigan," said Pitoniak. "The well-organized zealots on many issues are determined to win in this year's election and force a public policy agenda that only a relative few of Michigan's citizens agree with. I believe it is preferred for me to try to represent the views of as many of my constituents as possible – both workers and businesses, young and old, middle-class and poor, women and men. I believe that, with my experience and dedication, I can provide leadership in

the Legislature to assure that the views of our diverse population are heard."

Pitoniak, co-chair of the House Economic Development Committee, believes that continuing to strengthen Michigan's economy is of critical importance.

"We must do more to stimulate new job creation – jobs with good wages and benefits – and help business respond to the demands of a rapidly changing world economy dependent on new technology."

As an "activist" legislator, Pitoniak is proud of his legislative record, particularly his sponsorship of legislation that permitted the issuance of an additional \$650 million in bonds to fund building improvements at Michigan's colleges and universities, and his sponsorship of the recently enacted 50/50 restaurant non-smoking seating requirement.

He is also generally pleased with the

significant reforms that the Legislature and Governor have implemented in the area of our public schools' quality, finance, and tax policy: "I will remain vigilant, however, to assure that the promises of Proposal A are fulfilled for the taxpayers and students," he stated.

A Democrat, Pitoniak is in his sixth year as a member of the House. The 22nd district includes most of the City of Taylor and the entire City of Romulus.

Pitoniak previously served in several professional capacities as an economic developer, including as Executive Director of the Economic Development Corporation of Wayne County. He was also a member of the Taylor City Council from '81-'88, including four years as chairman.

He currently resides in Taylor with his wife Denise and their two children: Gregory, age 10, and Mallory, seven. □



# Letter to the Editor

*Editor's note: All letters to the editor must contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request if, in our opinion, the letter's content merits anonymity.*

The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

## As "Paying Customers," Taxpayers Have a Right to Competency in Government

Dear Editor:

As a long-time Romulus resident and professionally trained public administrator, I think it's about time I chimed in about just where the City of Romulus is headed. I have read the City's year-end financial reports and the new budget. I've talked with citizens and I've watched Council meetings. To say that I am very concerned is an understatement. Rome is burning, but no one seems to notice. In fact, I see people bringing marshmallows as if this is a good thing. Your property values and your quality of life are in peril. This trend can, and must, be stopped.

It should be noted first that I have no personal axe to grind against the City — or anyone else, for that matter. I would

just like to do my civic duty and offer my insight. Growing up in Romulus, a fine city with great people, inspired me to choose a career in city management.

When my plant closed, I thought my life was over. Luckily, I was able to return to college and complete my education. While studying history and political science at the University of Michigan (U of M), I decided that I owed a debt of gratitude for the opportunity that I had been given. I returned to U of M as a graduate student and studied public administration. With this training, I hope to better the lives of the citizens of my hometown. I want to do this by helping the hard-working people of Romulus get a dollar value for the taxes that they pay.

I just want to help you all understand that things are getting out of control. I hope you can help me understand how this all happened. Together, we can stop it. I'm tired of seeing people like my retired grandparents pay 10% of their income in property taxes and getting so little in return.

I don't want to see Romulus go the way of Highland Park or Ecorse: beautiful communities totally ruined by mismanagement and citizens who didn't care enough to notice. We have to notice. If we cut through all the mumbo-jumbo that is used to keep citizens "out of the loop,"

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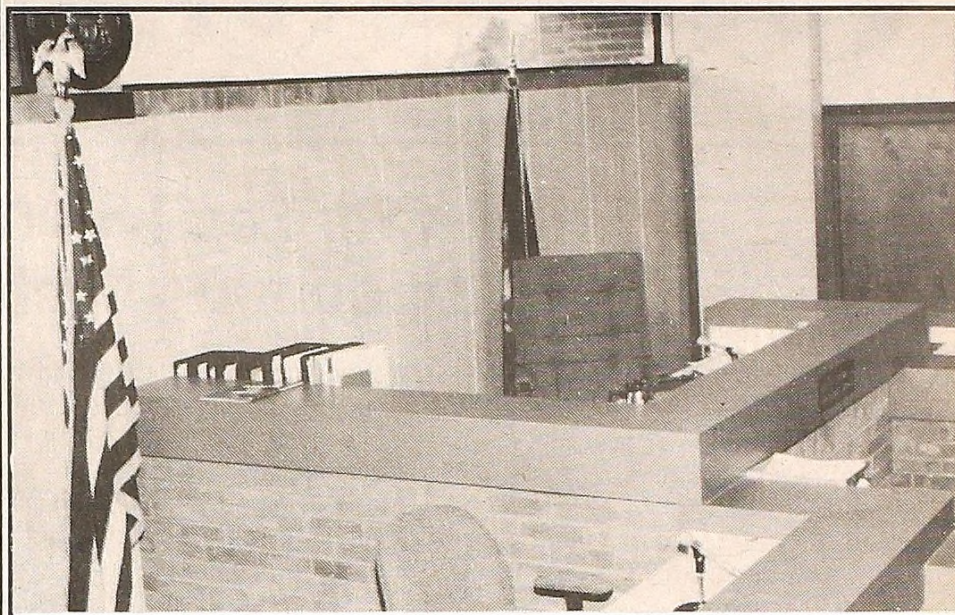
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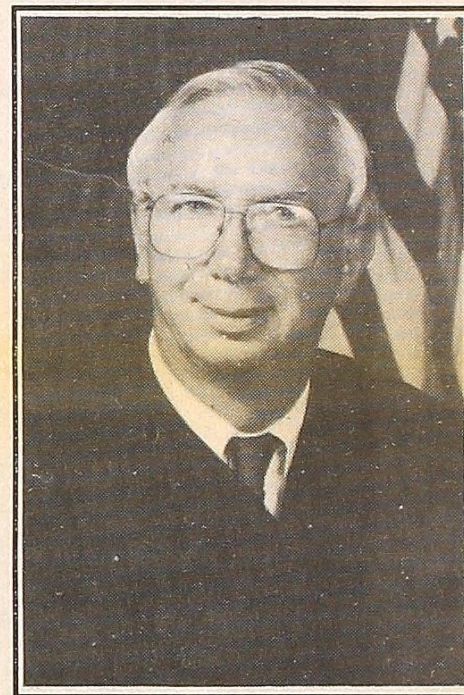
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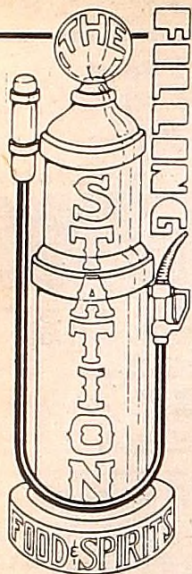
• Romulus Mayor Beverly McAnally has heartily endorsed Rogalle in his bid for reelection. Commenting on the recent embezzlement investigation: "Judge Rogalle identified the embezzlement, secured the initial evidence, and reported it to the Supreme Court Administrative Office. His interest in the community and cooperation with the other branches of government is unprecedented."

• Senator William Faust also supports Rogalle: "You certainly have my support in your candidacy for reelection to the 34th District Court," Faust told Rogalle. "Personal contacts in that area all inform me of the fine job you are doing and of your efforts to reform the Court's administration. I wish you well."

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# Legislative Update

For the Week of May 9, 1994

## By State Representative Greg Pitoniak Ethics Package Supported by House Democrats

State officials and candidates would be required to disclose their income, assets, and liabilities under legislation (HB 4401) passed by the House this month. As part of an overall ethics package supported by House Democrats, this bill would closely match the disclosure requirements now in place for members of and candidates for U.S. Congress. The disclosure would be required for income and assets of \$1,000 or more, and for liabilities of \$10,000 or more. All business positions held by the filer would have to be included in the disclosure, as would any real estate, property, stocks, bonds, or other forms of securities valued at over \$1,000. The penalty for failing to comply would be \$5,000 or less. **House Panel Approves Bills Further Penalizing Litterers**

The House Conservation, Environment and Great Lakes Committee reported bills (HBs 4789-4790) imposing higher fines for dumping a cubic foot or more of garbage on public property. The littering bill would allow prosecutors to charge violators as civil offenders instead of criminal and permit a judge to order forfeiture of the vehicle used to transport the waste if the intent to litter is proven. **Seniors Lobby at State Capitol**

On May 18, 1994, thousands of senior citizens from across the State converged in Lansing to lobby legislators on issues pertinent to them as part of Senior Power Day. The day was filled with seminars, personal meetings with representatives, and a health fair. This year's event was especially significant because Senior Power Day was celebrating 20 years of legislative influence. **House Democratic Task Force on Violence Will Not Play Games**

Despite admissions by members that there is no conclusive evidence linking video games and child violence, the House Democratic Task Force on Violence recommended that the Legislature develop some method for rating video



Representative Gregory Pitoniak

games. That recommendation also includes developing methods to keep adult video games away from children in arcades. In addition, the task force endorses such measures as the gun-free school-zone package (HBs 4672-4675), gang membership prohibitions (HB 4433), and legislation holding gun-owners responsible for injuries resulting from child access to weapons (HB 5231).

## Firefighters Urge Campfire Safety

Wildfire officials are urging everyone to be especially careful with campfires and other outdoor fires in upcoming days. Most areas of the State have dried out after the spring rains and snow, making the fire danger very high. Keep campfires small and never leave them unattended - even for a moment. Completely extinguish all campfires before leaving them by using plenty of water. Soil alone will not put out a campfire; wind can blow soil away and scatter burning embers, causing a wildfire. Douse everything with water, stir, and wet unburned pieces again.

Wildfires that have been deliberately set are a serious problem in many parts of the State. Call the Michigan Arson Hotline at 1-800-44-ARSON.

## Citizens Have a Defense Against Bogus Credit Agencies

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## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE!

- Support the positive steps to help our youth learn to meet the challenges they face today
- Volunteer to be a mentor



## The Romulus Youth Assistance Program

needs volunteers to assist youth and children. You can make a difference by volunteering! Call 942-7585

Karen Paciero, Youth Assistance Coordinator

Youth Assistance is a community based and operated program that accepts referrals of youths ages 7 - 16 from police, court, schools, and families. Individual treatment plans which meet the needs of the entire family may include the following: matching with 1-1 trained volunteer mentor for youth; community work-service hours for youth; life skills classes for youth; behavioral contracting; parenting classes; referrals for outside counseling and assistance for youth and family members.

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## Romulus Schools Students Care for the Area's Needy

By Brian Joseph Steffani, Romulus High School student

To 'keep Romulus' Helping Hand Thrift Shop stocked with food year-round, Romulus High School's Class of '96 is coordinating food drives at several local schools. Members of the Class of '96 have volunteered their time to arrange these food drives at the schools during different times of the year.

Throughout the month of February, Wick Elementary School had participated in the collecting of nonperishable foods. Brian Steffani, vice-president of the Class of '96, worked with Diane Golka and some of her sixth-grade students on this project. Ms. Golka's students made posters and sent out letters to let other students know of the drive.

After the food was brought in, they

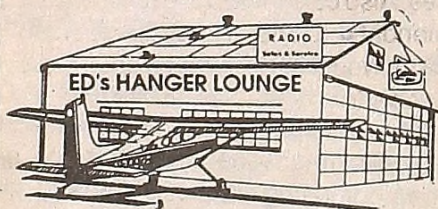
counted it and created graphs and spreadsheets, using the school's computers, to show students the amount collected. Members of the Class of '96 picked up the food from the elementary and delivered it to the Helping Hand Thrift Shop.

The class that brought in the most food was Mrs. Motyka's third-grade class, which collected 210 items. These students will receive a pizza party from the Class of '96. Other top classes were Ms. Carney's first-grade class (166 items) and Mrs. Barnes' fourth-grade class (151 items). The school collected a total of 1,480 nonperishable food items.

The Helping Hand Thrift Shop, as well as the people who will receive the food, greatly appreciate the students' generosity. □



Sophomore Class officers Brian Steffani, Angela Terry, and Scott Smith help Wick Elementary School students load food donations for the Helping Hand Thrift Shop.



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May 16, 1994

Dear Neighbors,

As you know, I've been spending a lot of time looking at the way the City of Romulus is spending our tax dollars. We at V.O.T.E.S. thoroughly examine how the City spends each of our hard-earned tax dollars. We want to see that every dollar spent is spent efficiently, with the maximum benefit for all Romulus residents.

We all clip coupons, shop at sales, and the like, but do we really question if our city is spending our tax dollars efficiently, making them go as far as possible? We must. Every Romulus citizen has a stake in the outcome. Every Romulus citizen should have his or her opinions heard by the City. We at V.O.T.E.S. are working very hard to see that happen, but we need your help.

The "fund balance" is the City's version of a savings account. The July 1, 1993, fund balance was \$1,958,472. On July 1, 1995, the City plans to have only \$41,406. The mayor reports, "In order to balance this budget, revenues require a supplemental amount of \$800,000 from fund balance." Revenues haven't kept pace with expenses, so the City is using our savings to make up the difference.

Even this may not be enough. In her cover letter to the 1994-95 budget, the mayor admits the need for "substantial revision of this document, up to and including a reduction in work force or hours." Except for this brief statement in the budget, why has the City not told us about the need to cut services and make big changes to the budget? Why are we, the citizens and taxpayers, not better informed? We would like to see more public discussion between the Mayor and Council about this and other financial matters.

It's very common to spend this savings when times get bad and build it up when times are good. Will this money run out before things get better? When does the City expect things to get better so that we can rebuild our savings? Leaving only \$41,406 in savings doesn't leave many options if the City's estimate on the economic turnaround is wrong. An unforeseen emergency could wipe this out in a couple of days.

The City itself states in the budget, "A stronger [fund] balance is required to enhance the City's bond rating and cash flow," but yet the City is spending this money. Bad bond ratings mean much higher interest rates on loans and more of our taxes going straight to interest, not important services - like EMS, fire, and police protection.

If we don't have any savings to supplement the budget in years to come, as was done this year, the City will be forced to borrow, at a high rate of interest, or raise taxes substantially. Is this the most efficient plan of action? When will the City stop spending our savings and start to rebuild them? These questions need solid answers.

V.O.T.E.S. needs your support and your help to make Romulus more financially efficient and a better service provider. Please join with us.

Your neighbor,

Dolores Witzgall

## Three Romulus High School Students Will Attend Girls' State



(From left) Kalani Mitchell, Michelle Slawinski, and Stephanie Vit

By John Domas, counselor, Romulus High School

Three outstanding Romulus High School students have been selected to attend the 54th Annual American Legion Auxiliary Girls' State Program. The program is to be held on the campus of Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant from June 11 to June 19, 1994.

Attending will be 546 girls representing the very best of Michigan youth.

This year's three local recipients have received scholarships valued at \$225 to cover the cost of their trip. Kalani Mitchell, daughter of Sandra Bradley and Richard Mitchell, received her scholarship thanks to the Romulus Progressive Club; Michelle Slawinski, daughter of Don and Mary Slawinski, received her scholarship courtesy of the Romulus Rotary Club; and Stephanie Vit, daughter of Robert and Bernadette Vit, is being sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Romulus.

All three girls are completing the eleventh grade at Romulus High School. Thus, they will be returning as seniors to share their many experiences with their classmates next year.

The 1994 Girls' State Program is designed as a practical experience in problems of self-government as operated within the State of Michigan. The purpose of the program is to emphasize the importance of government in modern life; to stimulate a deep and lasting interest in government; and to enlarge the students' understanding of the governmental process.

The basic method used by the Girls' State Program to achieve these goals is that of actual participation in the political and governmental process. Care has been taken to design the Girls' State Program so that every student may participate in the electoral process; have an opportunity to hold public office; and be encouraged to share in the formulation of public policy. Since no one person can serve in all offices of government, it is expected that a great deal will be learned by observation of the activities of others. It is hoped that the young citizens will leave Girls' State with a mature appreciation of some of the basic strengths and weaknesses of the American system of government. It is hoped, further,

that they will leave with a firm resolution to make government a more effective and responsible servant of the people.

Upon arrival at Girls' State, each girl is assigned to a mythical political party, a county, and a city. There are seven such mythical counties, each composed of three cities.

The citizens nominate and elect various city, county, and State officials. They are instructed in the duties of the various public offices, including the State Supreme Court, the Legislature, and other divisions of government, as well as the functioning of each office and its powers and limitations.

A press association, lobbyist organizations, and other special-interest groups are also popular activities at a typical Girls' State Program.

Later, two "senators" from Michigan's Girls' State Program will be selected to attend Girls' National, which will be held in Washington, D.C., later this summer. Girls' National is a citizenship program concerned with the processes of the Federal government. The annual climax to the Girls' State Program has been held in the Nation's capital for one week each summer since 1947.

To be eligible, a candidate must be a citizen of the United States; be able to attend the full nine-day session; be completing her junior year of high school; and be a Michigan resident attending a Michigan high school.

Selection is based on each girl's interest, character, and potential abilities. Also considered are teacher recommendations and academic record.

I would like to thank the following people for their help, support, and assistance in making it possible to send these three well-qualified and deserving students to Girls' State: Mae Jackson, William Knight, and Alan Wilkerson, Romulus High School counselors; Gerald Nault, spokesperson for the Romulus Progressive Club and Kiwanis Club; Michael Prybyla, spokesperson for the Romulus Rotary Club; Gail Fraley, class advisor; Mike Kernohan, Ann Scott, Dennis Stoh, and Sue Vogel-Anderson, teachers; Tom Dolan, Dan Hurst, and Mike Teasdale, Romulus High School principals; and Judy Nutt, Guidance Office secretary. □



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# Romulus Celebrates Michigan Week!

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There will be plenty of fun during the City's celebration of Michigan Week with the Romulus Michigan Week Festival, 1994. Here's a peek at some of the many activities and events coming your way.

### It's Carnival Time!

W.G. Wade Shows will be providing the carnival entertainment for the week. The carnival continues to be a bargain—especially on Thursday and Sunday, when W.G. Wade Shows offers ride-all-day/pay-one-price arm bands for just \$8.

### Everyone Loves a Parade!

On Friday, May 20, the Festival will kick off with its traditional parade, sponsored by the Romulus Rotary Club. The event begins at 6 p.m., when parade participants will begin their trek down Gabriel Street, turn left on Goddard and wind through Town, turn left on Bibbins at Crane Funeral Home, and finally turn right on Olive Street to end at the old South Junior High School site, where plentiful free parking will be available for all Festival-goers.

### Romulus Police Officer Honored

Following the parade, Mayor Beverly McNally will make a special presentation to Romulus Police Officer John Leacher in the Entertainment Tent. The ceremony will honor Leacher for his fine work in the community's DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program.

### Music for Your Ears... and Your Feet!

Part of the entertainment at this year's Festival will be a host of live bands: "Big City Shades" will perform country, rock, and oldies favorites on Friday from 6 to 11 p.m.; "First Choice" will play country, oldies, '70s, and contemporary dance music on Saturday from 7 to 11 p.m.; and "Sherman Arnold and Interstate" will perform '50s, '60s, and rock-a-billy (with a special tribute to Elvis Presley featured in the second set) on Sunday from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Of course, no entertainment lineup of the '90s is complete without a little Karaoke, so this year's festival will feature the Fun Time Karaoke show on Saturday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. All shows will be given in the Entertainment Tent.

### Heritage Day

The Romulus Historical Society has organized Heritage Day, an afternoon of nostalgic displays and old-fashioned picnic fun, to be held on Saturday at the Romulus Historic Park beginning at 1 p.m. The Historical Museum will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

### Kids' Korner

Among the events scheduled especially for kids are free Youth Day Games (for children ages 4 to 12), co-sponsored by the Romulus Festival Committee and the City of Romulus Assessor's Office, to be held on the grassy area near the Recreation Building on Saturday beginning at 12 p.m.; and a magic show put on by Sunshine the Clown in the Entertainment Tent on Sunday from 1 to 2 p.m.

## Romulus Michigan Week Festival, 1994

### THURSDAY, MAY 19

4:00p-close Carnival (W.G. Wade Shows) will offer ride-all-day/pay-one-price arm bands for \$8 each

### FRIDAY, MAY 20

3:00p-close Carnival (W.G. Wade Shows) will be open for business  
6:00p Parade (which will be followed by Romulus Mayor Beverly McNally's special presentation to Romulus DARE officer John Leacher in the Entertainment Tent) will begin  
6:00p-9:00p Arts & Crafts Building will be open  
6:00p-12:00a Bingo Tent will be open  
6:00p-12:00a Refreshment Tent will be open  
7:00p-11:00p Big City Shades (live band) will perform in the Entertainment Tent  
10:00p Free Prize Drawings (must be at least 18 years old to enter, and must be present to win)

### SATURDAY, MAY 21

6:30a-8:15a Late Registration for Romulus' Michigan Week 10K Run for Lupus, 5K Walk, and 1-mile Fun Run will be held in the rear portion of the Recreation Building  
7:00a-1:00p Pancake Feast will be held in the Entertainment Tent  
8:00a 5K Walk and 1-Mile Fun Run will begin  
8:30a Romulus' Michigan Week 10K Run for Lupus will begin  
10:00a-12:00p Look for Sassy the Clown, who will be walking around the Festival grounds  
10:15a Awards Ceremony for Romulus' Michigan Week 10K Run for Lupus will be held on the Festival grounds behind the Recreation Building  
12:00p-close Carnival (W.G. Wade Shows) will be open for business  
12:00p-? Free Youth Day Games for ages 4-12 will be held on the grassy lawn near the Recreation Building  
12:00p-6:00p Arts & Crafts Building will be open  
12:00p-12:00a Bingo Tent will be open  
12:00p-12:00a Refreshment Tent will be open  
1:00p-2:00p Karate demonstration will be held in the Entertainment Tent  
1:00p-4:00p TumbleBunnies will perform Gymnastics on the grassy lawn near the Recreation Building  
1:00p-4:00p The Romulus Historical Society's Heritage Day festivities will be held at the Romulus Historic Park; the Romulus Historical Museum will be open to the public (free admission)  
2:00p-3:00p MTM Dance Productions dancers will perform in the Entertainment Tent  
2:00p-4:00p Look for Sassy the Clown, who will be walking around the Festival grounds  
3:00p-4:00p Romulus NJROTC Drill Team will perform on the Festival grounds under the direction of Commander Timothy Marvin  
4:00p Free Prize Drawings (must be at least 18 years old to enter, and must be present to win)  
4:30p The Romulus Historical Society's Community Potluck Picnic will be held at the Romulus Historic Park (bring a dish to pass, your own table setting, and beverage)  
4:30p-6:00p Fun Time Karaoke will be held in the Entertainment Tent  
7:00p-11:00p First Choice (live band) will perform in the Entertainment Tent  
10:00p Free Prize Drawings (must be at least 18 years old to enter, and must be present to win)

### SUNDAY, MAY 22

12:00p-close Carnival (W.G. Wade Shows) will offer ride-all-day/pay-one-price arm bands for \$8 each  
12:00p-4:00p TumbleBunnies will perform Gymnastics on the grassy lawn near the Recreation Building  
12:00p-6:00p Arts & Crafts Building will be open  
12:00p-10:00p Bingo Tent will be open  
12:00p-10:00p Refreshment Tent will be open  
1:00p-2:00p Sunshine the Clown will have a complete magic show in the Entertainment Tent (free admission; special free gift for each child)  
1:00p-4:00p The Romulus Historical Museum is open to the public (free admission)  
2:00p-4:00p Recreation Department will sponsor youth-dancing and karate demonstrations in the Entertainment Tent  
4:00p Free Prize Drawings (must be at least 18 years old to enter, and must be present to win)  
5:30p-9:30p Sherman Arnold and Interstate (live band) will perform in the Entertainment Tent (second set features a tribute to Elvis Presley)  
9:30p Festival Committee Raffle Drawing will be held in the Entertainment Tent  
9:30p Free Prize Drawings (must be at least 18 years old to enter, and must be present to win)

## Old Race Has New Face

The traditional Romulus 10K Run has been transformed into the Romulus Michigan Week Run for Lupus—a combination of a 10K race for runners and wheelers, a 5K walk, and a one-mile "fun run." Late registration for the event will be held at the Recreation Building on Saturday from 6:30 to 8:15 a.m.; proceeds from entry fees will benefit the Downriver Chapter of the Michigan Lupus Foundation. Entrants will receive a T-shirt and post-race refreshments, and be entered in a raffle drawing for various prizes. Trophies and ribbons will be awarded in all race categories.

### Bingo Tent Makes Giving Fun

This year's fund-raising event is sponsored by the Romulus Festival Committee and the Huron Valley Conservation Association, and will run from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. on Friday; 12 p.m. to 12 a.m. on Saturday; and 12 to 10 p.m. on Sunday.

### Arts & Crafts Building

The Arts & Crafts Building, located in the northeast corner of the festival grounds, will be open Friday from 6 to 9 p.m., Saturday from 12 to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 12 to 6 p.m. Featured for sale will be a wide assortment of beautiful handmade crafts, including quilts. The building will also house displays of art from two Romulus youth groups and winning grocery-bag drawings done by Romulus students, as well as a Romulus Arts Council showcase of sculpture created by young artists from Romulus.

### Free Prize Drawings

Thanks to the generosity and support of many local merchants and businessmen, a variety of free prizes will be given away at this year's festival. The drawings for these prizes will be held at 10 p.m. on Friday; 4 and 10 p.m. on Saturday; and 4 and 9:30 p.m. on Sunday. Drawings are open to anyone at least 18 years of age; you must be present to win.

### Eat, Drink, and Be Merry!

And, of course, no carnival is complete without food and drink!

The Romulus Kiwanis Club's All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Feast (Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Entertainment Tent) includes a glass of orange juice, a bottomless cup of coffee, and one serving of sausage links—all for just \$3.50 per adult, \$2.50 per senior citizen, and \$2 per child age five to 12 (no charge for children under five!).

A variety of concession food also will be available, and adults can visit the Refreshment Tent for beer and wine coolers (soft drinks also served) on Friday from 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday from noon to midnight, and Sunday from noon to 10 p.m. The Romulus Festival Committee urges adults purchasing alcoholic beverages to drink responsibly, and reminds everyone that no one under age 21 is permitted to consume alcoholic beverages on the Festival grounds. □



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**BALL ROAD TABERNACLE** - 7007 Ball Rd. / 722-9638

**BELLEVILLE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** - 11900 Belleville Rd. / Belleville / 697-8687 / Rev. Deborah Vanleuven Kerr, Pastor / Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. / Craft Circle - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. / Women's Association Meeting - 2nd Tuesday of some months - 7:30 p.m.

**BETHANY APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH** - 34584 Beverly Rd. / 729-4240 / Elder Reginald Williams, Pastor / Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m.

**BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH** - 30055 Ecorse Rd. / 728-1845

**BETHANY CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH** - 35737 Vinewood / 326-0810 / Robert L. Gordon, Pastor / Sunday School - 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

**BEVERLY HOUSE OF GOD CHURCH** - 34156 Beverly Rd. / 729-6440 / Dr. Lovell Wooden, Sr., Pastor / Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:30 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m. / Thursday Prayer Service - 12 p.m. / Thursday Choir Rehearsal - 6 p.m. / Thursday Bible Study - 7:30 p.m. / Free Transportation - Call 729-6440

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH** - 11338 Ozga Rd. / 941-0236 / Marvin Hawbaker, Pastor / Sunday School - 10 a.m. / Sunday Adult Bible Study - 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 7 p.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST** - 9426 S. Wayne Rd. / Office: 721-2585 / Phil Morr, Evangelist / Sunday Bible Study - 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. / Wednesday Evening Worship - 7 p.m.

**CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY** - 7201 Kempa St. / 729-2283

**CHURCH OF GOD-ROMULUS** - 8770 S. Wayne Rd. / 729-4884 / Parsonage: 729-7234 / Rev. Douglas M. Bishop, Pastor / Sunday School - 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Sunday Children's Church - 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m. / Family Training Service - Wednesday, 7 p.m.

**CHURCH OF OUR LORD JESUS MIRACLE TEMPLE** - 36949 Goddard / 941-6070

**COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH** - 6200 Fourth St. / 729-0630 / 419-727-0631 / Rev. Bennie Oliphant, Pastor / Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m.

**COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - 11160 Olive St. / 941-3474 / J.D. Landis, Pastor / 941-0736 / Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

**FAITH HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH** - Oakbrooke Villa Club House / 30251 Elm Street (1 Block South of Eureka) / Rev. Earl W. Ellison, Sr., Pastor / 941-4855 or 721-8489 / Sunday School - 10:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:30 a.m.

**FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD** - 870 Savage Rd. / Belleville / 699-6700 / Kenneth W. Miller, Pastor / Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. / Wednesday Family Night - 7 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH** - 11412 Delano St. / 941-0225

**FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH** - 19101 Inkster Rd. / Brownstown / 782-1220 / Sunday Morning Worship - 10 a.m. / Adult Bible Study and Sunday School - 11:30 a.m. / Nursery available / Active Drama Team

**MARTIN TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST** - 6566 S. Wayne Rd. / 326-1270 / Elder Edward Thomas, Jr., Pastor / Sunday School - 10 a.m. / Sunday Worship - 12:00 p.m. / Sunday Evening Y.P.W.W. - 6:30 p.m. / Prayer and Bible Study - Tuesday, 7 p.m. / Friday Worship Service - 7 p.m.

**MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** - 35565 Beverly Rd. / 729-2460 / James Thompson, Pastor / 531-1285 / Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 7 p.m.

**PARKS MEMORIAL A.M.E.** - 11547 Grover St. / 941-0771 / Rev. Jeffery Baker, Pastor / Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 6 p.m.

**PENTECOSTAL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH** - 35625 Vinewood St. / 728-1390 / Rev. Arthur C. Willis, Pastor / 548-5954 / Sunday School - 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:30 a.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

**ROMULUS FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH** - 9900 Tobine / 941-8810

**ROMULUS WESLEYAN CHURCH** - 37300 Goddard Rd. (5 Points) / 941-1511 / Rev. Donald McClellan, Pastor / 941-4167 / Enrichment Hour - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. / Sunday Evening Celebration - 6 p.m. / Family Night - Wednesday, 7 p.m.

**SAINT ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH** - 11280 Ozga Rd. / 941-5056 / Daily Mass - 9 a.m. / Weekend Masses: Saturday - 6 p.m.; Sunday - 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m. / Holy Day Masses: Vigil Mass (evening prior to Holy Day) - 7 p.m.; Holy Days - 9 a.m., 12 p.m., 7 p.m. / Confession: Saturday - 4:30 - 5 p.m.

**SAINT CITY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST** - 7335 Washington / 595-0629 / Pastor: Elder James Lee Whitehead / Sunday School - 9:30 p.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 7 p.m. / Sunday Evening Radio Broadcast on WMUZ-FM 103.5 at 7:30 p.m. / Tuesday Evening Bible Study & Youth Night - 7 p.m. / Choir Rehearsal - Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. / Friday Evening Family Night - 7 p.m.

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**WAYNECOURSE CHURCH OF CHRIST** - 7066 Waynecourse / 722-0454 / Earl Truss, Minister / 326-0918 / James Motley, Associate Minister: 561-3108 / Sunday Bible School - 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 7 p.m.

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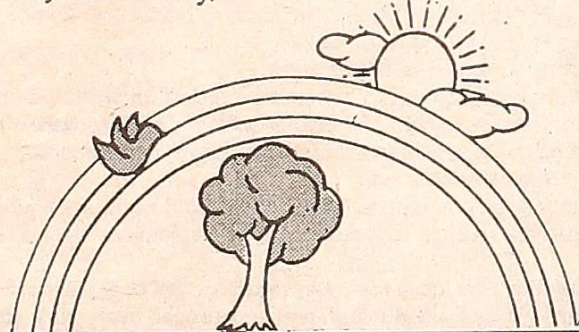
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- **Garage Sale Extraordinaire** - The Wayne County Fair Association's fund-raising "Garage Sale Extraordinaire" will be held at the County Fairgrounds (10871 Quirk Road, Belleville) from Thursday, May 19, through Saturday, May 21 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day). Admission to this event - which features everything from the practical to the bizarre - is just 25 cents per person.
- **Horseshoe Club Seeks Members** - The Romulus Horseshoe Club is looking for "ringers" - or, at least, people who can pitch them. For more information about the club, which is just beginning its new season, call Jim Campbell at 729-6499.
- **Park Reservations Now Being Accepted** - The Romulus Recreation Department is now accepting park reservations for the 1994 summer season. Individuals or organizations interested in reserving park space for their special event may call 942-6852 for further information. City parks include Elmer Johnson, Kennedy, Park #1, Merriman, Cordell, Fernandez, Cypress, Historic, and Senior Citizen parks, as well as the Urban Renewal Area Tot Lot.
- **Rogalle Fund-raiser** - A fund-raiser for the election campaign of Chief Judge Felix Rogalle of the 34th District Court will be held on Thursday, May 19, at the Belleville Eagles Club. For campaign assistance, tickets, or fund-raising information, call 697-1282.
- **Preschool Programs Seek Entrants** - The Romulus Head Start and Michigan Department of Education preschool programs are currently recruiting eligible three- and four-year-old children for September 1994. These free preschool programs, held at Beverly School, serve children from low-income families, foster children, and handicapped children. For information, call 728-7815.
- **Weight Watchers Says "Veg Out"!** - Since vegetables and fruits are an important part of a healthy diet, Weight Watchers food advisors will be demonstrating how to prepare such healthy, tempting dishes as "South of the Border Slaw," "Zucchini-Lemon Muffins," "Linguine-Vegetable Salad," and "Apple Crumble" during the month of May. Demonstrations will take place from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the following Meijer locations: Roseville (30800 Little Mack Road; Thursday, May 19), Westland (37201 Warren Road; Friday, May 20), Royal Oak (5150 Coolidge; Thursday, May 26), Taylor (14640 Pardee Road; Friday, May 27), Rochester (3175 Rochester Road; Friday, May 27), and Sterling Heights (2000 16 Mile Road; Friday, May 27). Food samples will be available; all events are free and open to the public. For more information, call 1-800-487-4777.
- **Volunteers Needed for Youth Assistance Program** - The Romulus Youth Assistance Program, a community-based project which is funded by the City of Romulus, is seeking volunteers to work with youths and children. Free training is available. You *can* make a difference by volunteering. For more information, call Jennifer Cecelon at the Romulus Help Center: 942-7589.
- **VOTES Meeting** - VOTES (Voice of Taxpayers for Efficient Spending), an organization of Romulus residents dedicated to enhancing the value of our tax dollar by holding City government officials accountable for spending, will hold its next meeting in the near future. Items to be discussed will include the possibility of gambling coming to Romulus; the City budget, especially the General Fund; a number of lawsuits in which the City is currently involved, including the suit against Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc.; other environmental issues, such as above-ground dump sites; future opportunities for business; and real estate values. Everyone is invited. For further information, please call Dolores Witzgall, chairperson (942-0002), or Janice Coulson, secretary (941-6101).

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# Chemical Awareness Week Promotes Safety Precautions

By Margaret Leduc, Emergency Management Director for the City of Romulus  
We have come a long way!

In 1986, the Federal government passed the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act, commonly known as SARA, under which chemical awareness came to the forefront of everyone's attention. The act makes companies release information not only with regard to their use, storage, and production of chemicals, but concerning several aspects related to those chemicals, as well. Workers are to be informed about the chemicals with which they come into contact in the work place; the dangers of those chemicals if spilled or misused; how to treat (medically) and clean up spills; how to put out fires; and what type of protective gear they should wear, if necessary.

Americans have become more conscious of the effects of chemicals in their lives. You will now see employees of fertilizer companies applying their products while wearing gloves and safety

glasses. And it is now commonplace for companies to provide employees with safety classes – everything from simple fire-extinguisher training to extensive courses on hazardous materials, depending upon the extent of the chemicals used in the facility. This training allows companies to prevent small incidents from becoming larger incidents.

Chemical Awareness Week is May 15 through May 21. Chemical awareness is necessary in the work place and in the home environment. In keeping with the purpose of Chemical Awareness Week, here are some tips about what to do in the case of a hazardous-materials incident.

- If you witness a hazardous-materials accident, spill, or leak, immediately call 9-1-1.
- Stay away from the incident site in order to minimize your chances of contamination.
- If you are caught outside during an incident, try to stay upstream, uphill, and upwind – hazardous materials

can quickly be transported by water and wind.

- If you are in a motor vehicle, close off ventilation and shut your windows. This will reduce the possibility for contamination or inhaling the hazardous material.
- If you are asked to evacuate, do so immediately. Before leaving your home or office, be sure to close windows, shut vents, and turn off attic fans to minimize contamination. The Romulus schools will be used as shelters. You will be instructed on how to proceed to the correct school.
- In certain circumstances, you will be requested to stay indoors rather than evacuate. If that occurs, strictly follow all instructions given by emergency authorities. To reduce the possibility of toxic vapors entering your home, seal all entry routes as efficiently as possible. Close and lock the windows with wet towels and duct tape. Seal any gaps around window air-conditioning units, bathroom and kitchen

exhaust-fan grills, and stove and dryer vents with tape and plastic sheeting, wax paper, or aluminum wrap. Close all fireplace dampers and as many internal doors as possible in homes or other buildings. Turn off all ventilation systems, including furnaces, air conditioning, vents, and fans. If you suspect that gas or vapors have entered the building, take shallow breaths through a cloth or towel. Finally, remain in protected, interior areas of the building where toxic vapors are reduced. Keep your radio with you.

- Avoid contact with any spilled liquid materials, airborne mist, or condensed solid chemical deposit.
- Avoid eating or drinking any food or water which may be contaminated.
- If you learn that you will be sheltering indoors, quickly fill up your bathtub or large containers and turn off the intake valve to your home.

For more information, contact the Emergency Management Department: 941-8585. □

## ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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### REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 25, 1994

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, April 25, 1994, was called to order by President Howard J. Kesner at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed Mrs. Debra A. Hoffman absent (excused) and Mr. Pat Patterson absent (excused). Mrs. Hoffman entered the meeting at 7:51 P.M. and Mr. Patterson entered at 8:18 P.M. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Howard J. Kesner.

#### Approval of Agenda:

4/94/1 Moved by Wilkerson supported by King to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Correction to the Minutes of March 28, 1994 as follows:

#### Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Mary M. King's Big Brother/Big Sister tour at the elementary schools should reflect that lunch was held at the High School.

4/94/2 Moved by Berlenn supported by King to approve the minutes of March 22, 1994 as presented and to approve the minutes of March 28, 1994 as corrected. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1 (Wilkerson). Motion carried.

#### Communications and Expressions from the Public:

Several parents were present to request the Board of Education to allow their children to stay at Huron Schools for the 1994-1995 school year. The Board took their requests under advisement and stated that they would have a definitive answer for them at the next meeting.

Mrs. Julie Olesczkiewicz stated that the air conditioning at the Middle School was not working.

Mr. David Nelson stated that he observed that some of the children at Barth Elementary School were not eating breakfast before school, and that he wanted to help. He has raised \$1,060 from the local market, which will enable him to feed approximately thirty-five (35) children. He sought the Board of Education's support for this project.

4/94/3 Moved by Berlenn supported by Langley to sponsor Mr. David Nelson's project to feed the children breakfast at Barth Elementary School. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

There were some parents present who alluded to alleged racial discrimination occurring at Barth Elementary School.

Mrs. Judy Gondek asked if the Board was aware that the air conditioning at the High School was not working.

Ms. Sharon Marcel, parent, expressed her concern relative to the safety of the children attending school. She asked how many staff were trained to administer CPR and the Heimlich maneuver. The Board stated that they will respond to her questions by the end of the week.

#### Report of the Superintendent:

##### Retirement Recognition – Bill Eastman

The Board of Education acknowledged the retirement resolution in recognition of Mr. Eastman's fifteen years of service to the Romulus Community Schools.

##### Personnel Actions

4/94/4 Moved by King supported by Hoffman to approve the personnel actions as recommended by Dr. Terrel M. LeCesne. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Resolution to Lay Off Teachers

4/94/5 Moved by Patterson supported by Hoffman to approve the Resolution to Lay Off Teachers as presented by Dr. LeCesne with the following amendments: Delete Shirley Soltez,

Speech Therapist, and Ruth Fairchild, School Nurse, from the layoff list. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Bills for Payment

4/94/6 Moved by Berlenn supported by Wilkerson to approve the Bills for Payment as submitted by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Requests for Transfer

There was no action taken on this item.

#### New State Codes – Dr. LeCesne

No action was required for the above agenda item. Dr. Terrel M. LeCesne, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, acquainted the Board of Education with new mandates from Lansing. Discussion followed.

#### Joint Sponsorship of Ramada Trip

4/94/7 Moved by Patterson supported by Wilkerson to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve jointly sponsoring the trip described in the attached memo; said trip to be financed by the Ramada Inn. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

The following items were presented to the Board of Education for their perusal: 1) Mary King Award – MASH; 2) Kathy Hurst Grant; 3) Dolan – Graduation Memo; 4) Bedell – NCA Speech; and 5) Metro Invitation – May 13, 1994.

#### Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Sandra F. Langley, Secretary, requested an update on graduation plans.

Mr. Pat Patterson, Trustee, voiced concern that residents are not aware of the new tax rates. It is his opinion that we should enlighten the community by doing presentations that are taped via cable for a two- to three-week period.

Mrs. Debra A. Hoffman, Treasurer, asked what the Hold Harmless figures were.

Mr. Kenneth E. Berlenn, Trustee, expressed intense displeasure with the State's handling of finances.

Mrs. Mary M. King, Vice President, reminded the Board of Congressman Ford's Conference on May 20, 1994, at the Henry Ford Museum and encouraged everyone's attendance.

Dr. Terrel LeCesne, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, discussed the invitation that we have received to the Metro Bureau Dinner on May 13, 1994, and cordially invited folks to attend.

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, congratulated Mrs. Mary M. King for the award she received from the Michigan Association of School Boards on Thursday, April 21, 1994.

#### Executive Session – Negotiations/Legal

4/94/8 Moved by Patterson supported by Wilkerson to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Negotiations and possible TIFA transfer. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 9:20 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 10:19 P.M.

#### Adjournment:

4/94/9 Moved by Patterson supported by Wilkerson that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra F. Langley, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education



# Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower; Marilyn Hoffer, Senior Citizens Coordinator for the City of Romulus; and Barbara Schultz, Romulus Senior Center staff member, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

## Senior Center Closed Memorial Day

The Romulus Senior Center staff would like to remind everyone that the Center will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

## RHS Students Host Senior Picnic

On Thursday, May 26, Romulus High School's 1994 leadership class will host its first annual Senior to Senior Picnic at the Senior Park (located near the Recreation Building) from 12 to 2:30 p.m. The free event will feature food, games, music, karaoke, and lots of fun! Please RSVP (942-6852) if you would like to attend.

## Technology Tour of Wick School

Romulus Community Schools will make a special "technology and education" presentation at Wick Elementary School on Thursday, June 2, beginning at 9 a.m. The day's itinerary includes: coffee and rolls at 9:15 a.m.; live demonstration of "Integrated Information System" at 9:30 a.m.; visits to classrooms and "computer assisted instruction classrooms" (CAICs) at 10:30 a.m.; a discussion/question-and-answer session about the technology at 11:30 a.m.; a discussion on how seniors can learn to use this technology at 11:45 a.m.; and a free lunch served by Wick students at noon. Seating is limited; please RSVP (Recreation Department, 942-6852) if you would like to attend.

## Tour of Local Garage Sales

Attention, bargain-hunters! On Friday, May 29, the Senior Center's van will travel to area garage sales, with a stop for lunch (at your expense) along the way. Register at the Center if you would like to go; a \$1.50 transportation fee must be paid at sign-up.

## Lunch/Movie

Spend an afternoon with old and new friends on Friday, June 3, when the Senior Center's van takes seniors out for lunch and a movie (to be determined). Besides food and movie expenses, there is also a transportation fee of \$1.50, which must be paid ahead of time to reserve your seat. Sign up at the Center if you are interested.

## Barbershop Chorus

On Friday, May 20, the Romulus Senior Center Van will take a trip to the Mercy Auditorium in Farmington Hills to attend a special Barbershop Chorus. The program, presented by the 70-man City Lights Men's Barbershop, will feature performances by the hosts, the Wayne State University Men's Glee Club, and a group called The Power Play. Cost for the trip is \$1.50 for transportation and \$6

for admission to the show. Sign up at the Center if you would like to attend.

## Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about this or other scheduled trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center may contact Marilyn Hoffer: 942-6852.

• **Showtime Cabaret** – Enjoy some good, old-fashioned fun on Monday, June 20, when Romulus seniors travel to London, Ontario, Canada for lunch and an afternoon of entertainment – featuring audience participation and sing-a-long segments – with the Cabaret family. Cost for the trip (covers round-trip motorcoach transportation, lunch, and admission to the show) is just \$49. Sign up at the Center.

## Personal Transportation Service

The Romulus Senior Center has developed a personalized transportation program for senior citizens who have no other vehicle available to them. For a fee of \$1, seniors can arrange to be transported anywhere within the City limits in order to conduct personal affairs such as doctors appointments, banking, or shopping, and then be returned to their home. In addition, the program will encourage seniors to stop off at the Senior Center to participate in the Wayne County Nutritional Services Hot Lunch program.

The transportation service is available on Thursdays between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. only, so Senior Center staff member Barbara Schultz advises seniors who wish to take advantage of the program to call and reserve their desired time slot as far in advance as possible. For more information, call Barbara (942-6852).

## Weekly Programs at the Center

Chances are, you'll find at least one of your favorite hobbies among these regular events at the Romulus Senior Center: ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); pinochle (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); BINGO! (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); knitting, crocheting, and canvas needlepoint (Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.); euchre (Thursdays at 1 p.m.); and quilting (Thursdays at 7 p.m.). For more information, call the Center (942-6852).

## Free Blood-pressure Screening

Romulus seniors can have their blood pressure checked by Community Emergency Medical Service (CEMS), free of charge, at the Romulus Senior Center (located at 36515 Bibbins) on the first Monday of every month from 1 to 2 p.m. The next screening will be on June 6. For further information, please call 942-6852.

## Hot Lunch

For only \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Romulus Senior Center every weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call Pat (942-6852) at least 24 hours in advance for your reservation. For information on getting home-delivered meals, call 1-800-851-1454. □

## A Small Community (Romulus Tower)

By Mary E. Clark, resident

As you approach our small community, a feeling of peace and tranquility steals over you. Lush green grass, trees, beautiful shrubs, flowers, and an air of quiet greets you. You may see people out strolling or just sitting relaxed.

I see our building as a small town; each floor as a street. When we enter the building, we are on Main Street. This is our downtown area, with the same accommodations that you'll find in small towns across the Country.

There are three entrances (highways) that lead to our downtown area. The main highway comes in directly in front of the Mayor's office (manager's office) and the City Clerk's office (assistant manager's office). We have a post office, a sanitation department, a communications center, transportation facilities (elevators), a public library, a radio station, utilities, a combination city auditorium/theater/music hall (the multipurpose room), a social club (lounge), a billiard hall, a banquet hall, and a coffee shop. Emergency medical and police services are available.

There is Second Avenue, Third

Street, Fourth Street, Fifth Avenue, and Penthouse Drive (the sixth floor). Each street has a laundromat and a sanitation unit, as well as a well-equipped and beautifully decorated social lounge. Small, but very efficient homes line both sides of the streets.

The residents in this small community are friendly and helpful neighbors. We are from all ethnic backgrounds and we are "All-American." Our flag flies high!

As in all communities, there are laws (rules). Ours are very fair and easy to comply with. Our mayor (building manager Audry Moomaw) is an understanding and compassionate person with strength and great ability for leadership and management. She tries daily to make our community a pleasure to live in. All of our city employees are friendly, courteous, and very helpful.

I love living here. How very fortunate we are, and how very blessed. We are warm and comfortable; we could easily be cold and homeless. Think about it.

My way of expressing my deep gratitude is to say, every day, "Thank you, Lord." □

# Obituary

## Earl Wayne Plank

Earl Wayne Plank of Romulus, Michigan, died on Saturday, May 7, 1994. He was 32 years old.

Born on October 27, 1961, the Romulus native was employed as a machine operator for Davison-Wright Fasteners and was a member of Belleville Moose Lodge #934.

Earl is survived by his mother, Mrs. Donna (Patton) Plank (Romulus, MI); four brothers, Michael (Romulus, MI), Donald (Belleville, MI), Lawrence (Romulus, MI), and Craig Plank (Killeen, TX); and six sisters, Mrs. Thomas (Valerie) Haynes (Romulus, MI), Mrs. Dean

(Gwen) Smith (Taylor, MI), Ms. Karen Plank (Romulus, MI), Mrs. David (Marilyn) Nelson (Romulus, MI), Ms. Carol Plank (Belleville, MI), and Ms. Patricia Plank (Killeen, TX). He was predeceased by his father, Robert Donald Plank, on April 23, 1987.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 11, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Reverend Robert Roscoe (Romulus Freewill Baptist Church) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Cemetery.

Memorial tributes may be made to the family. □



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